

for a moment shall work out for us a more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

The Louisville Brethren church will hold communion services Sunday evening, Jan. 2, 1898.

Fraternally,

J. L. KIMMEL.

Ashland, O.

The revival meeting just closed was a season of spiritual delights. Although the weather was inclement, the attendance was fairly good. One thing was clearly demonstrated, that is, the kind of Christian the Ashland Brethren are. They are not complainers, faultfinders, faithless, hopeless, doless, but living answers to the question, "What is a Christian?" The meeting proved a grand success, for we all are stronger in the Lord. The outlook is brighter, for all branches of church work have increased in attendance. We all appreciated the presence of the Fair Haven Brethren and hope to see them often.

So the beloved who so kindly remember our larder, we desire to publicly return thanks in the name of Him who gave it and in whose name it is received. The united prayers of the Brotherhood are requested for the work here.

ZED H. COPP.

Winter Haven, Fla.

Dear Brother:—In B. E. No. 43, Page 1, you ask questions regarding plans for the coming winter. So, after a few words explanatory, I will answer.

I left Calif. last May 11, and arrived safely at destination on 16, just five days later. Found all our folks in usual health and enjoying their stay in Fla. quite well. So far as I can learn, there is not another member of the Church in Fla. There are several small congregations of the G. B. brethren in the state but not near us.

There is one of their ministers and a total of three members in this locality and he preaches every two weeks. His services are well attended and the interest is good. Now as to plans, for plans are as necessary as work. Looking about and seeing no open door, I decided upon an effort to open one. The plan briefly told is as follows:

It is to work in the interest of the colored people of this place. Now don't throw up your hands. The poor little black children are denied the privilege of the public school with the whites, and are too few in number to entitle them to public money to have their own school, and so they grow up almost as under the slave system, ignorant.

I contemplate teaching these children to spell, read, write, cipher and also teach them geography and language. The course is also to include daily religious exercises and teaching. The aim is to teach 5 days each week and 5 hours each day.

Now while this is intended for the children the school will be open and free to all ages. So much for the plan regarding the week-day school. The work is to include a Bible school on Sunday. This is especially de-

signed for children and parents. The name chosen for the enterprise is *All Peoples' Mission*. As above stated it is to be open and free to all. No compensation will be asked for my services. Of course some books, a few charts, a blackboard and some clothing will be needed. But I trust for means to procure them without soliciting. Some may say I am too far advanced in life to undertake such a work. Don't worry. If the work is properly begun there will be others to continue it, perhaps some of their own race. Besides, too many of our own ministers—aged ministers—are becoming silent long before their time of usefulness has closed. We need the young, ambitious blood and muscle to carry on a vigorous warfare. But we need directing as well as propelling power and this is often found among men of age and experience, if they would but permit it to be used. I read the B. E. through the kindness of a family in Cala. Ever yours in the one hope,

P. S. GARMAN.

New Market Va.

Dear Editor:—I have just been waiting for an opportunity to give a word of praise in behalf of our dear church paper. We are more than pleased with it in the new form. I think any one that would find fault with it surely would not be a member of the Brethren church. Now dear brethren, will we not make new resolutions to improve our blessed privileges that our Lord and Master has bestowed upon us through the Brethren church, where we can practice every command in the New Testament Scriptures? And, if we do not live them out, we are not faithful to our Savior and church. Surely the EVANGELIST ought to find a place in every family of the Brethren church, so we would have a weekly reminder of our church duties. Since our District conference at New Market you have not heard much from us but we have not been asleep all the time. Our Quicksburg brethren, of whom we are all one family yet, held the first meeting, conducted by Brothers Coontz and Shaver the last of September, with 10 additions.

This Lord's day evening we with Brother Shaver, reached our home from Union chapel, Rockingham County, where he went 18 months ago and held the first meeting, with not a member to being with, in the neighborhood where I spent my boy-hood days. At the first meetings some 18 or 20 members were taken into full communion with the church, and now again our two weeks meeting resulted in 20 by baptism, all young men and woman, except two widows well nigh on the brink of time. These new brethren and sisters are full of zeal and enthusiasm, and have petitions out for erecting a Brethren church.

Though their means are limited, they are willing to try, and we trust will succeed soon with a new church. I received two new subscriptions for the EVANGELIST.

Brother Shaver has been engaged almost two and a half months in constant labor for

the Lord, and now is going to Md., while he rests, to canvas for the college debt, and thence to Washington, D. C. to assist Brother Lyon. May the Lord bless him with success.

S. P. FOGLE.

Conemaugh, Pa.

We recently closed a short protracted effort here with six accessions by baptism. We had very bad weather all the time, yet we claim a victory. We have had a kind of a revival spirit all the year. We want to have it so this coming year; we have not ceased to work for the sinner when we closed our revival effort. I give an invitation at every evening service and make the Sunday evening service a revival service.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 5, this congregation held a very enjoyable communion service. The attendance was not so large because of some unavoidable circumstances, but it was very spiritual.

I am well pleased with the paper in its new attire and in the next two weeks will make a special effort not only for renewals but for some new subscribers to aid in the 500. I would like if the paper would go into every family of my congregation. I know it would be a help to the cause and to myself.

J. F. KOONTZ.

Ashland College

Since last reported the following amounts have been sent in: Mexico Class, per Josiah Maus, Mexico, Ind., \$100.00; New Highland Class, per S. S. Hoffman, Akron, Ind., \$52.50; Oakville Class, per J. T. Holsinger, Oakville, Ind., \$100.00.

Your fraternally,

JOHN KEIM.

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My First Pastorate

The year ninety-seven is almost gone. Many have been its joys; many have been its sorrows. But amidst all God has been very good. We know that indeed it has been a year of prosperity to the church at this place. One year ago it seemed that the little band was almost discouraged and torn asunder, but the Creator of all things came to their rescue and now, although not increased in number, as much as many churches have been blessed, they are united and doing their best for Christ.

Our number has only been increased by fourteen confessions, eleven uniting with us, and three as yet have made no decision as to their choice. Jesus, help them to decide at once.

Our college money has been raised and we will be ready to rejoice, with those who will be rejoicing when that dark cloud is raised forever. Brethren, it must be raised. There are people here only waiting to hear the news so they may glory at our expense if it is lost, but it will not be, so they had better go to work instead of being idle men and busy bodies, for such is forbidden.

At the present time we are planning for our protracted effort, as I have been re-